

urging them to come down to the address which she sent.

"The woman told the unsuspecting girl that, first of all, a newcomer must register her place of residence with the police, as that was the law in Chicago.

"It was, of course, when the woman took her to the police station that the situation was disclosed.

"It needed but little investigation to make clear that the girl had narrowly escaped a well organized plot, and that the young man to whom she was engaged was a professional cadet.

"Mr. Clifford Roe took up the case with vigor, and although all efforts failed to find the young man, the woman who was his accomplice was fined \$150 and costs.

"The one impression that the trial left on our minds was that all the men concerned in the prosecution felt a keen sense of outrage against the method employed to secure the girl, but took for granted that the life she was about to lead was in the established order of things, if she had chosen it voluntarily.

"In other words, if the efforts of the cadet had gone far enough to involve her moral nature, the girl—who, although unsophisticated, was 21 years old—could have remained in the hideous life quite unchallenged.

"The woman who was prosecuted was well known to the police, and was fined, not for her daily occupation, but because she had become involved in interstate

white slave traffic.

"One touch of nature redeemed the trial; for the girl suffered much more from the sense that she had been deserted by her lover than from horror over the fate she had escaped, and she was never wholly convinced that he had not been genuine.

"She asserted constantly, in order to account for his absence, that some accident must have befallen him. She felt that he was her natural protector in this strange Chicago, to which she had come at his behest, and resented continually any imputation of his motives.

The betrayal of her confidence, the playing upon her natural desire for a home of her own, was a ghastly revelation that, even when this trade is managed upon the most carefully calculated commercial principles, it must still resort to the use of the oldest of the social instincts as its basis of procedure.

"This Chicago police inspector, whose desire to protect young girls was so genuine and so successful, was afterward indicted by the grand jury and sent to the penitentiary on the charge of accepting 'graft' from saloonkeepers and proprietors of the disreputable houses in his district."

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John G. Kennedy, of Texas, owns 800,000 acres in that state. He doesn't need one-eightieth of them, but there are plenty of cooped-up city folks who would be glad of one-eighth-hundred-thousandth part.